

## PREFACE

**T**his manual discusses the employment of airborne brigades, battalions, and regiments in airborne operations within the context of the AirLand Battle. It sets forth tactical and administrative support doctrine for the employment of Army forces in joint airborne operations. It discusses command and staff procedures, tactics, and techniques used in the planning and execution of parachute operations at brigade and lower echelons.

The discussions are written in general terms so they apply to brigade or smaller units taking part in joint airborne operations. For this reason, the term “airborne force” is used to refer to the Army component in the operation.

The principal tactics and techniques peculiar to airborne operations are of primary concern. Details of unit organization/capabilities, and guidance for employment of units in other than airborne operations are in other field manuals.

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